provided to the winners of the National Women Championships. Scholarshipe are also given to women doing M.Phil/Ph. D in phyeical Education

3. *Sports Talent Search Scholarship* : Under this scheme, scholarshipe are provided to boys and girls showing meritorious performance in sports. The National level Scholarehips are given at the rate of Rs. 400/- per month while the State/UT level scholarships are Rs.300/- per month.

(c) and (d) Ministries/Departments of Government of India can recruit meritorious sportspersons upto 5% of the vacancies in Group-C and D posts subject to fulfilment of certain criteria.

[English]

Extension of National Highway No. 44, Tripura

2866. SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received from the Government of Tripura for exteneion of National Highway No. 44 upto Subroom (the Southern most point of Tripura); and

(b) if so, the steps taken to approve and execute the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to paucity of funds for the development of National Highways during the 8th Plan, it has not been possible to declare this road as a National Highway.

World Bank Loan for Road Projects in Bihar

2867. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bihar has submitted any propoeal in March, 1996 for road projects in the State for World Bank Loan; and

(b) if so, the present poeition in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Grants to Rural Hospitals

2868. SHRI PRAKASH VISHWANATH PARANJPE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a scheme to give aid for the purchase of expensive diagnostic equipments for the benefit of tribal and rural patients in the hospitals run by Municipal Corporations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). Health being a State subject, supply of equipment to hospitals is done by the State Govenments. In the caee of local bodies like municipal corporations the purchase of equipment is mads from their own rssources. Central Govt. do not have any scheme for providing funds for equipment purchase for local body hospitals.

Implementation of Family Planning and Welfere Schemee in Villagee

2869. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleaeed to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken note of the various study reports suggesting that the most effective approach for implementing family planning and welfare schemes in villages can be only through the motivated and trained women workers drawn from the communities;

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Union Government in this regard; and

(c) this time by which the requisite facilities are likely to be provided throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Government is aware of the fact that the motivated and trained women workers drawn from the communities can play a very useful role in family welfare activities.

(b) The services of women euch as ANMs are being utilised at the Sub-Centres and Dais from the community are being trained to promote family welfare schemes at the community level. So far 75,568 Mahila Swasthya Sanghs have also been constituted in the country for creating Health & F.W. awareness in their respective areas. Theee MSS groups are groups of 15 women in each village with 10 women elected for the community.

(c) The family welfare servicee are already being provided through a network of Sub-Centres, Primary Health Centres, Community Health Centres and Rural Family Welfare Centres where the women workers play an important role in family welfare activities.

Transfer of Defence Land

2870. SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR :
SHRI RAM NAIK :
SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received